Open E-Letter for Public Comment Concerning the 2016 Virginia GAP Amendment from Dr. Thomas Steven Roth

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Dear Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services Personnel and Selected Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate and Selected Members of State Legislatures and All People Everywhere:

I, Dr. Thomas Steven Roth, as a Christian Minister for Biblical Medical Ethics (and as a U.S. citizen) provide the following public comment concerning Virginia's *Application for Amendment to the Virginia GAP Program for the Seriously Mentally Ill 1115 Demonstration: Virginia's Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services Delivery System Transformation* (accessed on September 30, 2016 at http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_atchs/bh/VA-ApplicationGAPWaiverAmendment-Aug2016-FINAL.pdf), and give my permission for this document to be published and freely shared without change in the public domain.

The assumption that the current medical standards of care for the treatment of the seriously mentally ill (SMI) are safe and effective is deceptively false. In Page 3 of the *Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services [DMAS] GAP Overview Training* (accessed on September 30, 2016 at http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/gap_archive.aspx), DMAS states the serious findings that "More than 50,000 of the 300,000 Virginians with SMI are uninsured," and

"Nearly 50% of individuals with SMI have a co-occurring substance use disorder," and "SMI has systemic effects on social issues: homelessness, disability, substance abuse, crime, etc." Accordingly, Virginia and CMS in this Section 1115 demonstration proposal have a crucial opportunity to address the iatrogenic harm of the standards of care of psychiatry (including psychopharmaceutical caused chronic brain impairment) that is by itself a major cause of the explosion in psychiatric disability and associated morbidity and mortality.

Accordingly, below are a few secular suggested readings which prove that psychiatric standards of care are indeed bad science and bad medicine. Note, however, these below listed secular references are not perfect references [as compared to the Holy Bible which is the perfect written reference standard for all matters of life and faith including for determining what is right versus wrong and what is harmful and not harmful and what is true science and what is false science. For example, the U.S. cannot effectively deal with its current opioid epidemic until it understands that people attempting to harmfully self-medicate soul pain and soul suffering and other soul issues with opiates, is the root cause of the U.S. opioid abuse epidemic and associated morbidity and mortality. Thus unless medical care is for the whole person, including heart and soul and mind and body, it will continue to be as unsafe and harmful and ineffective as the current psychiatric standards of care indeed are. For we should be Biblically loving people (especially the poor, needy, and afflicted) the way Jesus Christ God Almighty commands (e.g., Matthew 22:37-40, 6:33a; Romans 13:10; etc.). Accordingly, below I have also attached five epistemological axioms and a sufficient soteriology for mental health research and care of the whole human being]. But, nonetheless, the below secular references are among the very best readily available secular references in this important area of mental health ethics and science and medicine and history which through God's perfect grace and provision may help Virginia (and all states as well as the U.S. Federal Government) appropriately radically transform (and even appropriately revolutionize) Medicaid (and all) mental health services (as well as developing U.S. Federal Government mental health legislation such as H.R. 2646 and S. 1945) into truly first-do-no-harm efforts rather than the very deceptive human-body-brain-soul-damaging efforts they currently are and have been due to significant institutional corruption and social injury and exploding mental-health-standards-of-carecaused disability and associated morbidity and mortality as proven in the below secular references:

Whitaker, Robert, and Lisa Cosgrove. *Psychiatry Under the Influence: Institutional Corruption, Social Injury, and Prescriptions for Reform.* New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.

Whitaker, Robert. Anatomy of an Epidemic: Magic Bullets, Psychiatric Drugs, and the Astonishing Rise of Mental Illness in America. New York: Crown, 2010.

Whitaker, Robert. *Mad In America: Bad Science, Bad Medicine, and the Enduring Mistreatment of the Mentally Ill.* New York: Basic Books, 2002.

Kirk, Stuart A., and Tomi Gomory, and David Cohen. *Mad Science: Psychiatric Coercion, Diagnosis, and Drugs.* Piscataway: Transaction Publishers, 2013.

Baughman, Jr., MD, Fred A., and Craig Hovey. *The ADHD Fraud: How Psychiatry Makes "Patients" of Normal Children*. Oxford: Trafford, 2006.

Kirsch, Irving. The Emperor's New Drugs: Exploring the Antidepressant Myth. New York: Basic Books, 2009.

Breggin, MD, Peter R. Psychiatric Drug Withdrawal. New York: Springer, 2013.

Breggin, MD, Peter R. Brain-Disabling Treatments in Psychiatry: Drugs, Electroshock, and the Psychopharmaceutical Complex, Second Edition. New York: Springer, 2008.

Breggin, MD, Peter R. *Brain-Disabling Treatments in Psychiatry: Drugs, Electroshock, and the Role of the FDA*. New York: Springer, 1997.

Scott, Timothy. America Fooled: The Truth About Antidepressants, Antipsychotics and How We've Been Deceived. Victoria: Argo, 2006.

Accordingly, I pray that Jesus Christ God Almighty, per His perfect will and pleasure, will bless and keep each and every one of my government leaders who have the awesome responsibility of correcting these above proven serious matters of institutional corruption and social injury and exploding mental-health-standards-of-care-caused disability and associated human morbidity and mortality and pain and suffering.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Five Epistemological Axioms for Appropriate Mental Health Research and Care of The Whole Human

Being Including Heart and Soul and Mind and Body, and a sufficient mental health research and care

soteriology in the form of excerpts from my book The Meaning of Life Open E-Letter for All

People Everywhere

Five Epistemological Axioms for Appropriate Mental Health Research and Care of The Whole Human Being Including Heart and Soul and Mind and Body

- 1. Man cannot disprove the existence of soul function (e.g., Genesis 2:7; 1 Corinthians 15:45; etc.).
- 2. Man cannot disprove the necessity of soul function for brain function or human life in general (e.g., James 2:26; etc.).
- 3. Man cannot disprove that some or even a great majority of the information and power needed to make and support an individual human body (e.g., Psalms 139:13; 1 Corinthians 15:50; 2 Corinthians 4:7; 5:1, 6, 8; etc.) is provided by the spirit of an individual (e.g., James 2:26; etc.) and/or God's Spirit (e.g., Acts 17:28; etc.) acting on the individual material genome and individual complete bodily flesh as opposed to all of the information and power being from the individual material genome and individual complete bodily flesh. For we know that a body without a spirit is dead (e.g., James 2:26; etc.), and that a spirit does not need a material body to live (e.g., Luke 24:39; etc.).
- 4. Man in his earthly body does not have the authority or knowledge to separate human brain function from soul function in truthful scientific research and application of the Laws of Nature of man including the laws of brain and neuropsychobiogenetic function (e.g., Matthew 26:41; Mark 12:28-34; Romans 7:14-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 1 Timothy 6:20; James 2:26; etc.).
- 5. Truthful interpretation of true findings from brain and neuropsychobiogenetic research (or any other research of the Laws of Nature of man) will not contradict the Laws of Nature's God (the Holy Bible) which will not contradict the Spirit of God united with our individual spirit (e.g., Isaiah 59:21; John 16:7, 13-14; Romans 8:4; 1 Corinthians 2:10-16; 6:17; 15:45; 2 Corinthians 1:22; 3:6, 17; 5:5; Galatians 3:14; 4:6-7; 1 John 2:20; 3:24; etc.) as God apportions wisdom and understanding to each of His children individually (e.g.; Psalms 51:6; Proverbs 2:6; 4:7, 11, 20-24; etc.) as He builds up and loves His body corporately (e.g., 1 Corinthians 12:12-26; Ephesians 4:4-6, 12-17; 5:27; etc.).

The Meaning of Life Open E-Letter for All People Everywhere from

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The Meaning of Life Open E-Letter for All People Everywhere

Dear National or International Neighbor:

God gives to each and every human being He creates different gifts and roles as well as every good gift and every good role each person will ever have in their life on earth as well as in their eternal existence after passing away from life on earth (e.g., 1 Corinthians 4:7a,b; James 1:17; etc.).

At the same time God offers each and every human being He creates the same basic and ultimate and all-satisfying and all-encompassing Meaning of Life and provides only One Way to find this One and only True Meaning of Life.

Accordingly, this *The Meaning of Life Open E-Letter* is for all human beings everywhere regardless of their race, sex, age, national origin, religion, or any other issue or aspect that distinguishes one human being from another. This is

because the ultimate and all-satisfying and all-encompassing Meaning of Life is Jesus Christ God Almighty (e.g., Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; John 1:1-5, 9; 3:16-18; 12:48; Hebrews 1:1-8; etc.) Who has made each and every human being in His own image (e.g., Genesis 1:26a, 27; etc.).

Moreover, the True Meaning of Life Who Is Jesus Christ God Almighty has given to each and every human being three ultimate and all-encompassing universal human rights and responsibilities:

- 1. To Believe God Exits (e.g., Romans 1:19-20; Acts 14:16-17; James 2:19; etc.)
- 2. To Seek God (e.g., 1 Chronicles 28:8a; Psalm 119:155; Proverbs 8:17; Isaiah 55:6-7; Acts 17:26-28a; Hebrews 11:6; etc.)
- 3. To Repent of False Worship and to Worship God in Truth (e.g., Acts 17:27-31; John 4:24; 8:31-32; John 14:23 Versus John 14:24a; John 15:1, 2b-5a Versus John 15:2a, 5b, 6; 1 Corinthians 9:27; 2 Corinthians 6:14a, 16b-18 Versus 2 Corinthians 6:14b,15,16a; Philippians 2:10-12; 1 John 2:22-25; 2 John 9; etc.)

But given the truth that God has made each and every human being in His own image and has given each and every human being such ultimate and all-encompassing universal human rights and responsibilities, why is there so much human suffering including human conflict, disease, and death?

God's Word Written (The Holy Bible) answers this question. For the Holy Bible clearly teaches that all human suffering is ultimately the result of Adam and Eve's original sin. That is before Adam and Eve fell in the Garden of Eden, there was no human suffering, sin, or depravity. The Holy Scripture is clear that God made Adam and Eve upright (e.g., Ecclesiastes 7:29; etc.) and that pre-Fall Adam and Eve were judged by God to be good (e.g., Genesis 1:26-31; etc.). Accordingly, Adam and Eve had a perfect relationship with God which God gave them. Of course, Adam and Eve's sin changed all of that. God's Word is clear that ultimately all human suffering is indeed the result of the Fall of Adam and Eve (e.g., Genesis 3:16-19; Romans 3:23; 5:12; 6:23a; 1 Corinthians 15:22a; etc.).

Thus, each and every one of our physical human bodies will die or be put off at Christ's coming (e.g., Genesis 3:17-19; John 6:63; Romans 8:10b; 9:22; 1 Corinthians 15:50; etc.) because of Adam's sin and our own individual personal sin (e.g., Romans 5:12; 6:23a; 1 Corinthians 15:22a; etc.).

Moreover, because Adam sinned and each and every one of us has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (e.g., Romans 3:23; 5:12, 17a, 18a; Galatians 3:22a; etc.) we have all suffered the consequence of soul death (e.g., Ezekiel 18:4c; etc.) whether we know it or not. Of course, part of soul death is being cut off from a personal relationship with God resulting in personal suffering including a lack of inner peace and contentment (e.g., Matthew 10:13a versus Mathew 10:13b; Luke 6:47-48 versus Luke 6:49; Romans 2:10a versus Romans 2:9a; Romans 8:6b versus Romans 8:6a; Galatians 5:22-25 versus Galatians 5:19-21; etc.).

Moreover, God's Word Written (The Holy Bible) makes clear that there is only One Way back to a personal relationship with God (e.g., John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; etc.) as explained in the remainder of this *The Meaning of Life Open E-Letter for All People Everywhere*.

Thus, since God desires a personal relationship with each and every human being he creates (e.g., Ezekiel 18:32; 1 Timothy 2:3-4: 2 Peter 3:9; etc.), we are all responsible to God for entering into the only true and good rest for our souls that God freely offers to each and every human being in God's Greatest Gift Who is His Son Jesus Christ God Almighty The Savior of the world (e.g., 1 Timothy 4:10b-c; 1 John 4:14; 5:10-13; etc.). Accordingly, I can offer no greater gift to you than the Gospel of Jesus Christ God Almighty (e.g., 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; etc.) in God's Own Words (e.g., 1 Peter 4:11; etc.) which He gives in the Holy Bible:

Isaiah 9:6-7
Luke 2:7-11
Isaiah 43:10-11
Isaiah 45:21-23
1 John 4:14
Philippians 2:10-12
Mark 16:9-16
1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Of course, the Gospel is clear that we all (including all men, women, and children) need Christ to have died for our sins because as the Holy Bible truthfully and lovingly proclaims:

Romans 3:23

Ezekiel 18:4c

Romans 6:23

Romans 3:19-26

Furthermore, true saving faith in Christ cannot be forced on a person against their own will by another person or even by God Himself as established by God's Own proclamation of what true saving faith really is (e.g., Isaiah 1:16-20; Ezekiel 18:20-32; Matthew 23:37; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 8:11-16; 12:36; John 1: 9-12; 5:39-40; 6:28-29, 40, 47; 7:17; 8:31-32; 12:36; 14:21-23; 15:1-6; Romans 6:17; 10:9-10, 17; 1 Corinthians 9:27; 2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1, 10; 1 Timothy 4:16; Hebrews 4:11; 10:39; James 4:8; 1 Peter 1:22; 2 Peter 2:9; 1 John 3:23; Revelation 3:20-21; 22:17; etc.. Note, 1 Corinthians 2:11-16 and other Holy Scripture clearly teach that the standard of understanding God's Word is by comparing God's Word with the indwelling Holy Spirit's gift to the body of Christ of the whole counsel of God's Word, e.g., John 14:26, 15:15; 17:20-21; Acts 20:26-27; Jude 3; etc., via the very mind of Christ, and not mere man's words.).

Therefore, if a person suffers on earth because of their own personal sin (e.g., Ezekiel 3:17-21; 33:11-20; Daniel 4:24-37; 5:18-31; Luke 13:1-9; Romans 2:5-11; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; Galatians 6:7-8; 2 Peter 2:4-9; etc.. Of course, not all personal illness or other forms of personal suffering are due to the personal sins of the individual suffering. Please see Part D of God's Word Commands Repentance from Salvation Blocking Sin for a discussion about this.) or even finally dies in their sin and goes to hell (e.g., Mark 16:16; Luke 16:19-31; John 8:24b; etc.), it is that person's fault and not God's. They had a free choice. Thus, Christ will indeed allow us to freely reject Him and His Words and even to the extent of dying in our sin and going to hell (e.g., Luke 13:23-27; John 12:48; Matthew 7:21-23; etc.). For the free gift of salvation is a gift we can freely receive or freely reject. Of course, God's Word makes a clear distinction between the act of a person exercising their free will to receive the free gift of salvation (e.g., John 1:12; etc.) and the price Jesus Christ God Almighty paid on the cross to merit our salvation (e.g., Isaiah 53:5-6; Matthew 26:26-28; John 12:32-33; Acts 20:28; Galatians 3:13-14; Hebrews 2:8-9; 9:12-14; 22b-28; 1 Peter 1:18-22; 2:24; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5; etc.). Thus all Salvational Merit belongs to Jesus Christ God Almighty because He has already earned the salvation of all persons and is the only Savior authorized by God to earn salvation for any one individual person let alone for the whole world (e.g., Isaiah 43:11; 45:21; John 1:29; Romans 5:18; 2 Corinthians 5:15; 1 John 2:2; etc.). Thus the Salvational Merit is all God's and the responsibility to exercise the sole salvational condition God gives man (freely receiving Christ or believing on Him) is all the responsibility of each and every human being. Thus just as a man who had to receive (as the condition of ownership) a free gift cannot say he paid for it or merited it, so to, we cannot say we in any way earned our salvation just because God gave us the free will potential to freely receive (or reject) the free gift of salvation which He alone earned and purchased and merited on the cross so He could be just in the punishment of sin and at the same time the Justifier of each and every person who exercises the free will He gives them to believe in Jesus (e.g., Romans 3:24-26; etc.).

Accordingly, the Word of God harmonizes the seemingly contradictory teachings of "... a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, ... "(Galatians 2:16) and "... faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." (James 2:17) with the Biblical understanding that all of the good works performed by a person who is Biblically "entering to go in" (e.g., Matthew 23:13d Versus Mathew 23:13a-c; etc.) and even striving to enter in a God-justified faith of Christ* (e.g., Ezekiel 18:21-23, 27-32 Versus Ezekiel 18:24-26; Luke 13:23-24a Versus Luke 13:24b-27; John 3:21, 12:36a Versus John 3:19-20; John 14:15-16, 17b-23 Versus John 14:17a, 24a; Romans 6:17 Versus John 5:39-40; 2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1, 10a Versus Matthew 7:21-23; etc.), and then abiding in a God-justified faith of Christ* (e.g., Ezekiel 3:21a-c Versus Ezekiel 3:20a-c; John 15:3-4 Versus Ezekiel 18:24; John 15:1, 2b-5, 7-14 Versus John 15:2a, 6; Romans 11:20b, 22a,c, 23 Versus Romans 11:20a, 21, 22b,d; 1 Timothy 4:16 Versus John 15:2a, 6; Hebrews 10:38a, 39b Versus Hebrews 10:38b, 39a; James 5:19-20 Versus 2 Peter 2:20-22; 1 Peter 4:18a Versus 1 Peter 4:18b; etc.), and then even walking in a mature born again (God-regenerated) faith of Christ[†] (e.g., John 10:27-29; Acts 20:26-27; 1 Corinthians 3:6-15 Versus 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; 1 Corinthians 9:27; 1 Corinthians 11:31-32 Versus Hebrews 6:4-6; Hebrews 5:14; 1 John 5:4, 13; etc.), are all God-given good works (e.g., Luke 17:10; Romans 11:35-36; Ephesians 2:10; etc.) and thus all such good works are a secondary result and fruit and outward manifestation of that person's inwardly freely chosen faith of "entering to go in" (e.g., Matthew 23:13d Versus Mathew 23:13a-c; John 6:29 Versus John 6:28; etc.) a God-justified faith of Christ* and then inwardly freely chosen faith of abiding in a God-justified faith of Christ* (e.g., John 15:1, 2b-5, 7-14 Versus John 15:2a, 6; etc.) including (by faith) walking in his/her God-given good works (e.g., Ephesians 2:10; etc.). Thus if a person is saved (God-justified and God-regenerated: e.g., Titus 3:5; etc., and note, for example, the baptism of Mark 16:16a is the baptism Jesus Himself performs using the Holy Spirit which is regeneration, e.g., Matthew 3:11, etc.), it is because by God's grace alone through faith alone he/she has freely chosen to enter and then abide in his/her God-justified faith of Christ* (e.g., Galatians 2:16, 1 John 2:24-25; etc.) even to the saving of his/her soul (e.g., Hebrews 10:38a, 39b Versus Hebrews 10:38b, 39a; etc.). Conversely, if a person lives a condemned life on earth (e.g., John 3:18b; Mark 16:16b; etc.) and dies in sin and goes to hell, it is because by that person's own sin that person has freely rejected the one and only true saving faith in Jesus Christ God Almighty (e.g., John 3:36; 12:48; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 1 John 5:10-12; etc.). [Note, concerning good works, whether a person is an unbeliever or even a mature born again Christian, all good works of all people everywhere are received from God Who gives every good gift needed for every moment of human existence (e.g., Matthew 5:45b; 7:11; Luke 11:13; John 3:27; Acts 14:15b-17; 17:26-28a; Romans 11:35-36; 1 Corinthians 4:7; Colossians 1:17; James 1:17; etc.). In addition, God gives to every human being the good gift of the

free will potential to freely receive the free gift of salvation by God's grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone as proven by the Holy Scriptures in this letter and even easily Biblically deducible from the three God-given universal human rights and responsibilities which are, again, to believe God exists, and to seek God, and to repent of false worship of God and worship God in truth. Moreover, as noted in the beginning of this letter, God gives to each and every human being He creates different gifts and roles as well as every good gift and every good role each person will ever have. However, as God's Word clearly warns, man has sinfully "... sought out many inventions..." (e.g., Ecclesiastes 7:29; etc.) including false teaching about what good (versus evil) gifts and roles are, and even to the extent of calling good gifts and good roles evil, and calling evil gifts and evil roles good (e.g., Isaiah 4:20a,b; etc.). Accordingly, God gives His Written Word (The Holy Bible) so we may be saved (e.g., 2 Peter 3:9; etc.) and come to the knowledge of not being deceived or confused about what are God-given (and therefore good) gifts and roles versus what are man's sinfully invented evil gifts and evil roles (e.g., 2 Timothy 3:15-17; etc.).]

Moreover, for a person to knowingly choose a faith which confuses the human responsibility to meet God's sole salvational condition of man (which again is to receive the free gift of salvation by God's grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone) with Devine Salvational Merit and thus for a person to thereby knowingly choose a faith which intentionally tries to earn salvation, is indeed the same as that person choosing a false faith that the Holy Bible makes clear will not save them (e.g., Romans 4:1-8; 11:35-36; Galatians 5:4; etc.):

Galatians 5:4

However, this Biblical truth of salvation by God's grace alone (which is undeserved favor alone: e.g., Luke 17:10; Romans 3:24-26; 11:35-36; Ephesians 2:8-10; etc.) does not take away the Biblical truth and human responsibility that true saving faith in Christ does require repentance from salvation blocking sin. That is by God's own definition of true saving faith, repentance from salvation blocking sin is simply a part of true saving faith (e.g., Mark 1:14-15; Luke 3:2b-16; Romans 2:5-16; 1 Corinthians 9:20-22, 27; 2 Corinthians 7:10a Versus 2 Corinthians 7:10b; Galatians 6:7-8; etc.. Note, further Holy Scripture proof texts for this crucial truth are provided in Appendix 2 in *God's Word Commands Repentance from Salvation Blocking Sin*. Also, please do not confuse the God-defined grace-alone non-meritorious status of freely choosing saving faith in Christ with the post-salvational rewards God gives to His faithful servants for their subsequent obedience in walking in faith in His Spirit: e.g., Matthew 5:10-12a; 16:27; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; 1 Timothy 5:17-18; etc.).

Thus, ultimately, the only sin that condemns a person is rejecting saving faith in Christ (e.g., John 3:16-18a Versus John 3:18b, 12:48; Mark 16:16a Versus Mark 16:16b; etc.). However, this only spiritually-lethal sin may bear the outward evil fruit of (and be outwardly manifested in) refusal to repent of other sins (Again, for the Holy Scripture proof texts for this crucial truth please see Appendix 2 in *God's Word Commands Repentance from Salvation Blocking Sin.*).

Thus again, Luke 13:23-27 makes clear that not only should each and every human being seek God "while he may be found" (e.g., Isaiah 55:6; etc.) but also that each and every human being should even "Strive to enter in" to their salvation (e.g., Luke 13:23-24; etc.) and even as a first priority (e.g., Matthew 6:33a; etc.) lest God eventually shuts the door to salvation on those people who have continued to disobey the Gospel (e.g., Matthew 5:21-26; 7:21-23; 13:12-22; 25:1-13; Luke 13:23-27; John 12:48; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 22:18-19; etc.). For God's Word is clear that to those who delay in seeking a personal relationship with Him and thereby walk away from Him and His light and thereby harden their own hearts and cover their own ears and close their own eyes (e.g., Exodus 8:32; Psalm 95:6-11; 119:155; Matthew 13:15; Hebrews 3:7-19; etc.) that God's Spirit will not always strive with such persons (e.g., Genesis 6:3a; etc.) who refuse to believe God exists and/or refuse to seek God and/or refuse to repent of false worship of God and thereby continue to refuse to obey the One True Gospel of Jesus Christ God Almighty (e.g., 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; etc.). Thus again, ultimately, the only sin that condemns a person is rejecting saving faith in Christ (e.g., John 3:16-18a Versus John 3:18b, 12:48; Mark 16:16a Versus Mark 16:16b; etc.). But again, this only spiritually-lethal sin may bear the outward evil fruit of (and be outwardly manifested in) refusal to repent of other sins (Again, for more Holy Scripture proof texts for this crucial truth please see Appendix 2 in God's Word Commands Repentance from Salvation Blocking Sin: Part A and Part B; e.g., Matthew 7:21b Versus Matthew 7:21a, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 6:11 Versus 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:22-24 Versus Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:1-2, 4b Versus Ephesians 5:3-4a, 5-6; etc.).

Thus we cannot earn our salvation, but we can neglect to freely receive it and thereby suffer serious consequences here on earth and then even die in our sin and go to hell (Again, please see Appendix 2 for Holy Scripture proof texts).

Therefore neighbor, in Biblical love for you, the remainder of this open letter contains enclosures which give sufficient Holy Scripture (in addition to the Holy Scriptures offered above) to lead a noble-minded person (e.g., Acts 17:11-12; etc.) to the Word of God written (The Holy Bible) which is sufficient (e.g., John 15:15; 17:20-21; Acts 20:27; Romans 10:17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Ephesians 6:10-18; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Jude 3; etc.) for a noble-minded person to obey the Gospel of Christ (e.g., Romans 16:25-26, etc., Versus disobeying the Gospel: e.g., Romans 10:16a; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; etc.) by God's grace alone (e.g., Luke 17:10; Romans 3:24-26; 11:35-36; Ephesians 2:8-10; etc.) through faith alone (e.g., Romans 1:16-17; 3:20-23; Galatians 2:16; 3:22-25; etc.) in Christ alone (e.g., John 3:16-18; Romans 10:8-17; Acts 4:12; Colossians 2:9-14; 1 John 2:23; 4:13-14; 5:5, 10-13; etc.). Amen!

So, neighbor, whether you have been saved for a long time or have just now freely decided to put your faith in Christ, **because of Christ, including His birth** (e.g., Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:7-11; Hebrews 1:6-8; etc.) **and His life** (e.g., Exodus 12:5a; Leviticus 22:19a; Deuteronomy 15:21; Matthew 3:13-17; 5:17-18; Romans 5:18; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; 9:14; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 2:21-22; etc.) **and His death** (e.g., Isaiah 53:1-12; John 1:29; 12:32-33; Acts 3:18-19; 13:23-29; Romans 5:10, 14-15; 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Galatians 2:20; Hebrews 2:9-17; 9:11-28; 1 Peter 2:24-25; 1 John 1:7-10; Revelation 1:5, 5:9, 7:14b; 12:10-11; etc.) **and His resurrection** (e.g., Psalm 68:18; Hosea 6:1-3; Mark 16:19; Luke 24:25-53; Acts 2:22-39; 4:10-12; 5:30-32; 10:34-48a; 17:30-31; Romans 6:1-23; 8:11-14, 34; 10:9-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 17-26; 2 Corinthians 4:14; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 7:22-25; 9:24; 1 Peter 1:18-22; etc.),

I may truly say to you, have a blessed life and I pray that Jesus Christ God Almighty per His perfect will and pleasure will bless and keep you. Amen!

Sincerely, In faith in worship of Jesus Christ in truth (e.g., Matthew 28:18-20; John 3:16-18; 4:24; 14:6; etc.),

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P.S. In the context of the three God-given universal human rights and responsibilities implicit in the Gospel of Jesus Christ God Almighty, this open letter Biblically exposes the devastating consequences of sin in the life of individual human beings and the only Way out of such physically and spiritually lethal consequences. However, God's Word written (The Holy Bible) also warns about the serious consequences of the sins of organizations of people and even entire nations. Accordingly, the following are just a few of many Holy Scripture which warn about the need for organizational and national repentance from sin which is particularly relevant in this age of unforestalled famine, war crimes, the shedding of innocent blood in the name of religion or politics, the national and international economic crises and any other evil thing or consequence thereof: Jeremiah 18:7-10; Jonah 1:1-2; 3:1-10; Luke 10:10-15; etc. . . .

Enclosures: Appendix 1 contains the Holy Scripture references of this open letter including appendices.

Appendix 2 contains more discussion and Holy Scripture concerning the three God-given universal human rights and responsibilities implicit in the Gospel of Jesus Christ God Almighty.

Appendix 3 contains a CD-R holding an Adobe PDF version of this entire open letter with convenient internal hyperlinks to supporting Holy Scripture proof texts.

Notes:

*The term "God-justified faith of Christ" is used to mean the faith freely held by an individual person who is justified by God (by God's grace alone through that individual person's own freely held faith in Christ alone).

[†]The term "born again (God-regenerated) faith of Christ" is used to mean the faith freely held by an individual person who is born again (regenerated) by God (by God's grace alone through that individual person's own freely held faith in Christ alone).

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Appendix 1 Holy Scripture References

Authorized King James Version Words of Christ in Red

Comparison ("Versus") Scripture** Are Color Coded as Follows:

Holy Scripture Indicating Repentance in Blue Holy Scripture Indicating Impenitence in Brown

**Note, when "Versus" is used in this open letter it is used for Biblical exegesis of the Holy Scripture's teaching about repentance versus impenitence in obedience to the Biblical command to compare spiritual things (Holy Scriptures) with spiritual (e.g., 1 Corinthians 2:13b, c, d, etc.) and, therefore, "Versus" is not used in any way to mean setting the Holy Scriptures against the Holy Scriptures which teach about those particular issues of repentance versus impenitence. For example, please see the use of "Versus" and of author added color coding in the presentation of John 3:16-18 below:

John 3:16-18a Versus John 3:18b

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

¹⁷For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ^{18a}He that believeth on him is not condemned: ^{18b}but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Appendix 2

God-Given Universal Human Rights and Responsibilities

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- 1. To Believe God Exists (e.g., Romans 1:19-20; Acts 14:16-17; James 2:19; etc.)
- 2. To Seek God (e.g., 1 Chronicles 28:8a; Psalm 119:155; Proverbs 8:17; Isaiah 55:6-7; Acts 17:26-28a; Hebrews 11:6; etc.)
- 3. To Repent of False Worship and to Worship God in Truth (e.g., Acts 17:27-31; John 4:24; 8:31-32; John 14:23 Versus John 14:24a; John 15:1, 2b-5a Versus John 15:2a, 5b, 6; 1 Corinthians 9:27; 2 Corinthians 6:14a, 16b-18 Versus 2 Corinthians 6:14b, 15, 16a; Philippians 2:10-12; 1 John 2:22-25; 2 John 9; etc.)
 - A. Jesus Christ God Almighty is the Only Way of Salvation (e.g., John 14:6; Acts 4:12; etc.)
 - B. Rejecting Christ Leads to Continued Condemnation and Hell (e.g., John 3:16-18; 12:48; etc.)
 - C. God's Word Commands Repentance from Salvation Blocking Sin (e.g., John 12:48; etc.) i. Part A ii. Part B iii. Part C iv. Part D
 - D. Universal Whole Duty of Man (e.g., Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; etc.)

God's Word Commands Repentance from Salvation Blocking Sin: Part \boldsymbol{A}^*

John 3:16-17	Versus	John 12:48
James 5:19-20	Versus	Matthew 7:21-23
Luke 13:23-24a	Versus	Luke 13:24b-27
1 John 5:1-4	Versus	1 Corinthians 16:22
James 2:22-23	Versus	James 2:17, 20, 26
Isaiah 55:6-7	Versus	1 John 4:8
James 4:8-10	Versus	Psalm 119:155
Romans 2:6-7	Versus	Romans 2:5, 8-9
Titus 3:1-2, 4-7	Versus	Titus 3:3
1 Peter 4:17a, 18a	Versus	1Peter 4:17b, 18b
Matthew 5:23-24	Versus	Matthew 5:22
1 Corinthians 6:11	Versus	1 Corinthians 6:9-10
Galatians 5:22-25	Versus	Galatians 5:19-21
Ephesians 5:1-2, 4b	Versus	Ephesians 5:3-4a, 5-6
Ezekiel 18:21-23, 27-32	Versus	Ezekiel 18:24-26
2 Corinthians 7:10a	Versus	2 Corinthians 7:10b
Job 2:1a, 2a, 3, 6, 8, 10	Versus	Job 2:1b, 2b, 4, 5, 7, 9
1 Corinthians 11:28, 31-32	Versus	1 Corinthians 11:29-30
Hebrews 12:5-7, 9-14	Versus	Hebrews 12:8
Galatians 6:7, 8b	Versus	Galatians 6:8a
1 John 1:7, 9	Versus	1 John 1:6, 8, 10

^{*1} Corinthians 2:13b, c, d: "...not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

Matthew 7:13a, 14	Versus	Matthew 7:13b
Matthew 7:24-25	Versus	Matthew 7:26-27
Matthew 13:18, 20b, 21b, 23	Versus	Matthew 13:19-20a, 21a, 21c-22
John 7:16-17	Versus	John 5:39-40
John 14:15-16, 17b-23	Versus	John 14:17a, 24a
John 12:35a, 36	Versus	John 12:35b
John 15:1, 2b-5a, 7-14	Versus	John 15:2a, 5b, 6
Ezekiel 33:14-16, 19	Versus	Ezekiel 33:13, 17-18, 20
Romans 11:20b, 22a,c, 23	Versus	Romans 11:20a, 21, 22b,d
Hebrews 3:6-7, 12a, 13a, 14, 15	Versus	Hebrews 3:8-11, 12b, 13b, 16-19
Acts 5:32	Versus	Acts 7:51
1 Timothy 4:16	Versus	1 Timothy 4:1
2 Timothy 3:14-15	Versus	2 Timothy 3:13
Colossians 1:21b-23	Versus	Colossians 1:21a
Hebrews 10:38a, 39b	Versus	Hebrews 10:38b, 39a
1 Corinthians 9:27a	Versus	1 Corinthians 9:27b
2 Corinthians 13:5a	Versus	2 Corinthians 13:5b
1 John 2:1-3, 5-6	Versus	1 John 2:4
Hebrews 5:9; 7:25	Versus	John 5:39-40
Hebrews 11:6b	Versus	Hebrews 11:6a
2 Corinthians 6:14a, 16b-7:1, 10a	Versus	2 Corinthians 6:14b, 15, 16a, 7:10b

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As presented above in this *The Meaning of Life Open E-Letter*, a person receiving a personal relationship with and being regenerated by (which is being given a new spiritual heart from) and thus being saved by Jesus Christ God Almighty is saved by God's grace (undeserved favor) alone through that person's freely chosen faith alone in Jesus Christ God Almighty alone. Accordingly, as also explained from the Holy Scriptures above, a person's faith in Christ may be the kind of true faith in Christ which keep's God's Word and brings forth fruit with patience versus the kind of faith in Christ which for a while believes but in time of temptation falls away (e.g., Luke 8:15; 13b,d Versus Luke 8:13a,c,e; etc.) versus the kind of true faith in Christ which loves Christ and thus keeps God's Word followed by Christ coming to live in that person because that person freely chose that kind of true faith in Christ versus the kind of faith in Christ which was does not truly love Christ and thus does not keep God's Word and therefore Christ does not reveal Himself to that person choosing such a false faith (e.g., John 14:23 Versus John 14:24a; etc.) versus the kind of true faith in Christ which comes out of and separates from false worship of God followed by Jesus Christ God Almighty receiving that person because that person freely chose that kind of true faith in Christ versus the kind of faith in Christ which fails to separate from false worship of God (e.g., 2 Corinthians 6:14a, 16b-18 Versus 2 Corinthians 6:14b, 15, 16a; etc.) versus the kind of true faith in Christ which leads to godly sorrow about sin which works repentance of sin to salvation versus the kind of faith in Christ which leads to worldly sorrow which leads to death (e.g., 2 Corinthians 7:10a Versus 2 Corinthians 7:10b; etc.) versus the kind of true faith in Christ which abides in Christ and bears fruit versus the kind of faith in Christ which does not abide in Christ and does not bear fruit and therefore Christ cuts off the person choosing such a false faith like a farmer cuts off a non-fruitbearing branch from a vine (e.g., John 15:1, 2b-5a Versus John 15:2a, 5b, 6; etc.) versus the kind of true faith in Christ that continues in Biblical doctrine to the saving of the soul versus the kind of faith in Christ that departs from Biblical faith in Christ including giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils (e.g., 1 Timothy 4:16 Versus 1 Timothy 4:1; etc.) versus the kind of true faith in Christ which believes to the saving of the soul versus the kind of faith in Christ which draws back to perdition (e.g., Hebrews 10:38a, 39b Versus Hebrews 10:38b, 39a; etc.) versus the kind of true faith in Christ which strives to enter in at the straight gate with Jesus Christ God Almighty therefore receiving that person because that person freely chose that kind of true faith in Christ versus the kind of faith in Christ which freely chooses the broad road to destruction (e.g., Matthew 7:13a, 14 Versus Mathew 7:13b; and Luke 13:23-24a Versus Luke 13:24b-27; etc.).

As presented above in this *The Meaning of Life Open E-Letter*, **not all illness or other forms of personal suffering are due to the personal sins of the individual who is suffering** (e.g., Psalm 34:19; John 9:1-3; 11:1-4; Romans 8:28; Job 2:1-10; etc.). However, even individuals who are born again Christians can expect serious consequences from their personal sins including sickness and even physical death (e.g. 1 Corinthians 11:30; etc.) so they "should not be condemned with the world" (e.g., 1 Corinthians 11:30-32; etc.).

Moreover, all human suffering is ultimately the result of Adam and Eve's original sin. That is before Adam and Eve fell in the Garden of Eden, there was no human suffering, sin, or depravity. The Holy Scripture is clear that God made Adam and Eve upright (e.g., Ecclesiastes 7:29; etc.) and that pre-fall Adam and Eve were judged by God to be good (e.g., Genesis 1:26-31; etc.). Accordingly, Adam and Eve had a perfect relationship with God which God gave them. Of course, Adam and Eve's sin changed all of that. God's Word is clear that ultimately all human suffering is indeed the result of the Fall of Adam and Eve (e.g., Genesis 3:16-19; Romans 3:23; 5:12; 6:23a; 1 Corinthians 15:22a; etc.).

Thus, each and every one of our physical human bodies will die or be put off at Christ's coming (e.g., Genesis 3:17-19; John 6:63; Romans 8:10b; 9:22; 1 Corinthians 15:50; etc.) because of Adam and Eve's sin and our own individual personal sin (e.g., Romans 5:12; 6:23a; 1 Corinthians 15:22a; etc.).

In addition to the eventual death of our physical bodies, we may also experience many other forms of human suffering while on earth because of human sin (e.g., Ezekiel 3:17-21; 33:11-20; Daniel 4:24-37; 5:18-31; Luke 13:1-9; Romans 2:5-11; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; Galatians 6:7-8; 2 Peter 2:4-9; etc.).

But, of course, all of our individual personal suffering on earth (however severe it may be for some of us) can not be adequately compared to eternal suffering in hell. Yet some people may think that waiting to seek a personal relationship with God is not risky and will have no consequences both on earth and after physical death. However, God's Word written (The Holy Bible) is clear that delays in seeking a true personal relationship with Christ can have catastrophic consequences both now on earth and later after physical death as the Holy Scriptures in this *The Meaning of Life Open E-Letter* prove.

Accordingly, Luke 13:23-27 makes clear that not only should each and every human being seek God "while he may be found" (e.g., Isaiah 55:6; etc.) but also that each and every human being should even "Strive to enter in" to their salvation (e.g., Luke 13:23-24; etc.) and even as a first priority (e.g., Matthew 6:33a; etc.) lest God eventually shuts the door to salvation on those people who have continued to disobey the Gospel (e.g., Matthew 5:21-26; 7:21-23; 13:12-22; 25:1-13; Luke 13:23-27; John 12:48; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 22:18-19; etc.). For God's Word is clear that to those who delay in seeking a personal relationship with Him and thereby walk away from Him and His light and thereby harden their own hearts and cover their own ears and close their own eyes (e.g., Exodus 8:32; Psalm 95:6-11; 119:155; Matthew 13:15; Hebrews 3:7-19; etc.) that God's Spirit will not always strive with such persons (e.g., Genesis 6:3a; etc.) who refuse to believe God exists and/or refuse to seek God and/or refuse to repent of false worship of God and thereby continue to refuse to obey the One True Gospel of Jesus Christ God Almighty (e.g., 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; etc.). Thus again, ultimately, the only sin that condemns a person is rejecting saving faith in Christ (e.g., John 3:16-18a Versus John 3:18b, 12:48; Mark 16:16a Versus Mark 16:16b; etc.). But again, this only spiritually-lethal sin may bear the outward evil fruit of (and be outwardly manifested in) refusal to repent of other sins (Again, for more Holy Scripture proof texts for this crucial truth please see Appendix 2 in God's Word Commands Repentance from Salvation Blocking Sin: Part A and Part B; e.g., Matthew 7:21b Versus Matthew 7:21a, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 6:11 Versus 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:22-24 Versus Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:1-2, 4b Versus Ephesians 5:3-4a, 5-6; etc.).

However, the good news is that God has made the spirit of each and every human being for eternal life (e.g., Mathew 25:46; Romans 9:23; etc.). But, of course, because Adam sinned and each and every one of us has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (e.g., Romans 3:23; 5:12, 17a, 18a; etc.) we have all suffered the consequence of soul death (e.g., Ezekiel 18:4c; etc.) whether we know it or not. Of course, part of soul death is being cut off from a personal relationship with God resulting in personal suffering including a lack of inner peace and contentment (e.g., Matthew 10:13a Versus Mathew 10:13b; Luke 6:47-48 Versus Luke 6:49; Romans 2:9a Versus Romans 2:10a; Romans 8:6a Versus Romans 8:6b; Galatians 5:19-21 Versus Galatians 5:22-25; etc.). And, of course, there is only One Way back to a personal relationship with God (e.g., John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; etc.) as explained in the Gospel of Jesus Christ God Almighty which I have outlined for you in the first fifteen pages of this *The Meaning of Life Open E-Letter*. For God desires all men, women, and children to be saved (e.g., Ezekiel 18:32; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9; etc.) and God is the One Who justifies (e.g., Romans 8:33; etc.) and the One Who judges both the living and the dead (e.g., Psalm 34:14-22; John 5:22; Acts 10:42; 2 Timothy 4:1; 2 Peter 2:9; etc.) by His Word (e.g., Psalm 7:10-11; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Romans 2:13-16; John 12:48; etc.).

So, neighbor, whether you have been saved for a long time or have just now freely decided to put your faith in Christ, **because of Christ, including His birth** (e.g., Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:7-11; Hebrews 1:6-8; etc.) **and His life** (e.g., Exodus 12:5a; Leviticus 22:19a; Deuteronomy 15:21; Matthew 3:13-17; 5:17-18; Romans 5:18; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; 9:14; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 2:21-22; etc.) **and His death** (e.g., Isaiah 53:1-12; John 1:29; 12:32-33; Acts 3:18-19; 13:23-29; Romans 5:10, 14-15; 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Galatians 2:20; Hebrews 2:9-17; 9:11-28; 1 Peter 2:24-25; 1 John 1:7-10; Revelation 1:5, 5:9, 7:14b; 12:10-11; etc.) **and His resurrection** (e.g., Psalm 68:18; Hosea 6:1-3; Mark 16:19; Luke 24:25-51;

Acts 2:22-39; 4:10-12; 5:30-32; 10:34-48a; 17:30-31; Romans 6:1-23; 8:11-14, 34; 10:9-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 17-26; 2 Corinthians 4:14; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 7:22-25; 9:24; 1 Peter 1:18-22; etc.), I may truly say to you, have a blessed life and I pray that Jesus Christ God Almighty per His perfect will and pleasure will bless and keep you. Amen!